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The reply brief filed March 24, 2004 has been entered and considered. The request for oral hearing is also noted. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on December 9, 2004 was filed after the filing of appeal brief on October 30, 2003. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

  
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